

In the Specification:

At page 1 paragraph 1, kindly amend the cross-reference to related applications as follows:

Cross Reference To Related Applications

This application is a continuation of and claims priority from U.S.S.N. 09/689,575, filed October 12, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/118,242, filed July 17, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,153,211, which claims benefit of U.S.S.N. This application  
~~claims priority from USSN 60/053,029, filed July 18, 1997, entitled “Biodegradable~~  
Hydrogels for Drug Delivery,” having as inventor Stephen C. Rowe.